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FROM: ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY BERGSTEN

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SUBJECT: BIRDF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. BECAUSE OF PENDING APPROPRIATIONS HEARINGS AND KEY MEETINGS RELATED TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20 AND 21. FOR THE MEETING, I INTEND TO DESIGNATE ROBERT BANQUE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE V B OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE BIRD FOUNDATION. PLEASE INFORM PROFESSOR LAVIE, DIRECTOR-GENERAL SIVAN AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL MAR CHAIM OF THIS CHANGE.

2. PLEASE CONVEY TO PROFESSOR YAAKOV MY WARMEST GRATITUDE
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FOR HIS OFFER TO ARRANGE THE TRIP TO EILAT ON FEBRUARY 18 AND 19. I HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT AND I'M SORRY THAT I'M GOING TO MISS IT. I HOPE WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE.

3. PROFESSOR YAAKOV SENT ME A CABLE EARLIER THIS WEEK URGING MY SUPPORT FOR FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR THE ADVISORY

COUNCIL MEETING. PLEASE PASS TO PROFESSOR YAAKOV THAT I APPRECIATE HIS CABLE AND I HAVE AGREED TO FUNDING THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THIS OCCASION

ONLY. HOWEVER, I AM TROUBLED BY THE POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION AND THE COUNCIL. I HAVE ASKED BOB BANQUE TO EXPLAIN MY THOUGHTS DURING THE FORTHCOMING BOARD MEETING AND BELIEVE THAT USEFUL COUNCIL ROLE CAN BE DELINEATED THAT AVOIDS THE POSSIBILITIES OF FUTURE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.
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